

# FILE.1 Satou's Odds

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YES, OF COURSE...

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE SAYING?



IF NOT, I WILL MARRY YOU AND BECOME YOUR WIFE!

IF TAKAGI COMES FOR ME, WE WILL WRITE OFF THIS WHOLE ARRABGEMENT.



Y, YOU ARE ON...?



IT IS GETTING INTERESTING!

IS SHE SERIOUS?



HEY HEY ...



WHY DON'T WE SET A TIME LIMIT?  
HOW ABOUT BY SUNDOWN?



SHE MUST HAVE A GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE IN HER VICTORY.



SINCE SHE ACCEPTED THE BID WITH THAT MUCH CONFIDENCE...

I ALWAYS THOUGHT SHE AND OFFICER TAKAGI WOULD MAKE A GREAT COUPLE...



PERHAPS SHE DOES NOT MIND MARRYING INSPECTOR SHIRATORI, YOU KNOW?

AFTER ALL, HE IS AN HEIR OF SHIRATORI FAMILY. HE MAY BE A GOOD CATCH.

BUT WHAT IF OFFICER TAKAGI DOES NOT COME?



TAKAGI MUST BE THE "SERVANT" YUMI WAS REFERRING TO!

SURE, OF COURSE! IT'S TAKAGI!



I JUST KNOW... IT...?

HE WILL DEFINITELY COME TO MY RESCUE...



YES, YOU HAVE MY WORD ON IT!

SO YOU ARE SURE ABOUT THIS?



... HOW COME...?

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BUT THEIR STATEMENTS REGARDING THE ROBBERS'S CLOTH, HEIGHT AND SEX ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FORM ONE ANOTHER...

YEAH,

HOW COULD THAT BE? THERE ARE THREE SOLID WITNESSES WHO CLEARLY REMEMBERED THE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE ROBBER, RIGHT?



HEY TAKAGI, WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "THE WITNESSES TESTIMONIES DO NOT COINCIDE"?



THE GIRL WHO SAW THE ROBBER FROM A SHOP SAID IT WAS "A PERSON IN GREEN, PROBABLY A MALE, THAT IS OVER 180 CM TALL"

THE OLD MAN WHO BUMPED INTO THE ROBBER SAID IT WAS "A WOMAN IN BLUE"...



OH WELL...

BUT I DOUBT THOSE THREE WITNESSES ARE LYING EITHER...



Y, YOU ARE RIGHT... THEY ARE INCONSISTENT...

LASTLY, THE MASTER OF A CAFE SAW "A PERSON IN BLACK, ABOUT 170 CM TALL"...

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RIGHT... WE MIGHT FIND A CLUE TO CAPTURE THE REAL ROBBER...

WHY DON'T WE QUESTION THESE THREE SUSPECTS FOR NOW?

I WENT TO THE WASHROOM BECAUSE I STARTED TO FEELING SICK WHILE I WAS HAVING A WALK...

KOSHIMIZU EIKO. I'M JUST AN OFFICE CLERCK!

I USED THE WASHROOM ON THE WAY HOME FROM MY BAND PRACTICE!

I AM ZAMA HIROSHI. A FREE-LANCER.

I STOPPED BY AT THAT WASHROOM ON MY WAY TO A BOOKSTORE...

MY NAME IS KAMIEDA YASUO. I TEACH AT A CRAM SCHOOL...



OH? YOU ARE WEARING TWO WATCHES?



IT'S ALREADY PAST 2 PM!



SEE, I TOLD YOU EVERYTHING. LET ME GO NOW!

uh...

THE TEACHERS SAID I WAS ALWAYS LATE!

TALKING ABOUT WEARING TWO WATCHES, I WAS FORCED TO DO SO BACK IN JUNIOR HIGH...

I SEE...

MY BOYFRIEND IS OUTSIDE OF JAPAN. I AM WEARING AN EXTRA WATCH SO THAT I WILL KNOW THE TIME THERE! I DON'T WANT TO GIVE HIM A CALL AT MIDNIGHT...





I ALSO TOOK DOWN THE CLOCK FROM THE WALL. I HAVE TRIED OTHER TRICKS AS WELL...

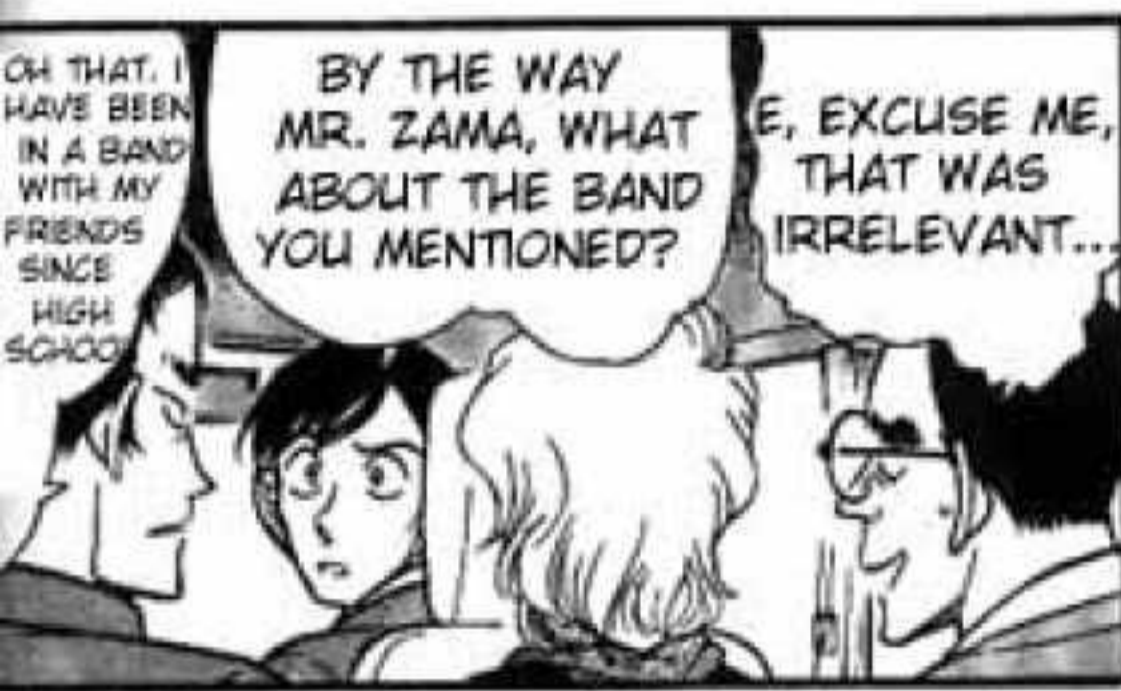
YES. I WANT THEM TO CONCENTRATE ON STUDY WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT TIME.

TAKE OFF THEIR WATCHES?



N, NO... I THOUGHT IT IS COMPLETE OPPOSITE OF WHAT I DO AT THE CRAM SCHOOL. I ASK MY STUDENTS TO TAKE OFF THEIR WATCHES...

HEY, YOU!! WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT!?



OH THAT. I HAVE BEEN IN A BAND WITH MY FRIENDS SINCE HIGH SCHOOL

BY THE WAY MR. ZAMA, WHAT ABOUT THE BAND YOU MENTIONED?

E, EXCUSE ME, THAT WAS IRRELEVANT...



IT'S PROBABLY ABOUT KARAOKE ...

TALKING ABOUT A CALL, YUMI CALLED YOU WHILE YOU WERE GONE INVESTIGATING. SHE WANTS YOU TO CHECK A MAIL...



IS, IS THAT RIGHT...

O, OH... O-KAY ...



YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE IT, BUT I GET PHONE CALLS FROM MY FANS QUITE OFTEN!

IT'S A QUITE POPULAR DRAG BAND.



WE ARE STUCK WITH THIS CASE...

MAN, SHE HAS NO IDEA! WE DO NOT HAVE A SINGLE CLUE TO DETERMINE THE ROBBER...



OH, I SEE.  
A ROBBERY  
AT A  
CONVENIENCE  
STORE...



IT SEEMS THEY  
RAN INTO A  
SEPARATE  
ROBBERY CASE  
AFTER THE  
INVESTIGATION  
...

WHAT IS GOING ON, A  
ROBBERY CASE!?  
WASN'T TAKAGI  
SUPOSSEN TO  
INVESTIGATE ON THE  
BEIKA CITY CASE WITH  
CHIBA TODAY?



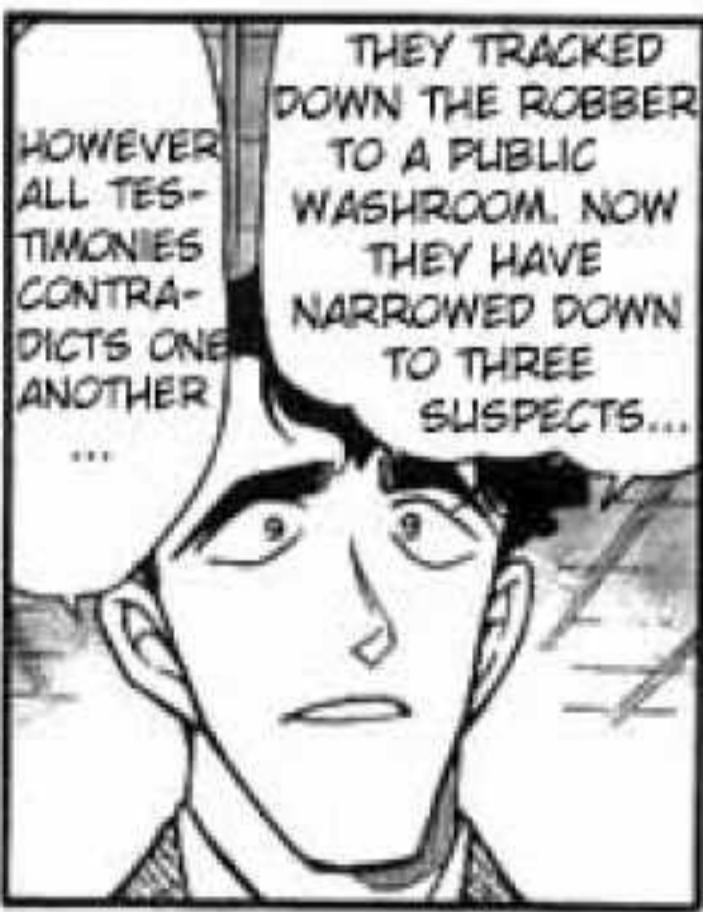
NO, NO. I  
WANTED  
TO ASK  
TAKAGI A  
QUESTION.  
IT'S NOTHING  
...  
INSPECTOR  
MEGURE,  
PLEASE,  
TELL HIM  
GOOD LUCK  
ON THE  
CASE...

WH...!



I WOULD  
NOT  
KNOW...

CONTRADIC-  
TIONS? HOW  
COME? THERE  
IS ONLY ONE  
CRIMINAL  
RIGHT?



HOWEVER  
ALL TES-  
TIMONIES  
CONTRA-  
DICTS ONE  
ANOTHER  
...

THEY TRACKED  
DOWN THE ROBBER  
TO A PUBLIC  
WASHROOM. NOW  
THEY HAVE  
NARROWED DOWN  
TO THREE  
SUSPECTS...



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FINE!  
I WILL  
DIRECTLY  
ASK TAKAGI...



ANYWAYS, THERE IS NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IT. HE PROBABLY INTEND TO COME HERE AFTER ARRESTING THE ROBBER...

CALLING TAKAGI YOURSELF IS AGAINST THE... THAT IS WAY TOO DISADVANTAGEOUS FOR MEE...

WHAT?



NO, THAT'S NOT IT ...

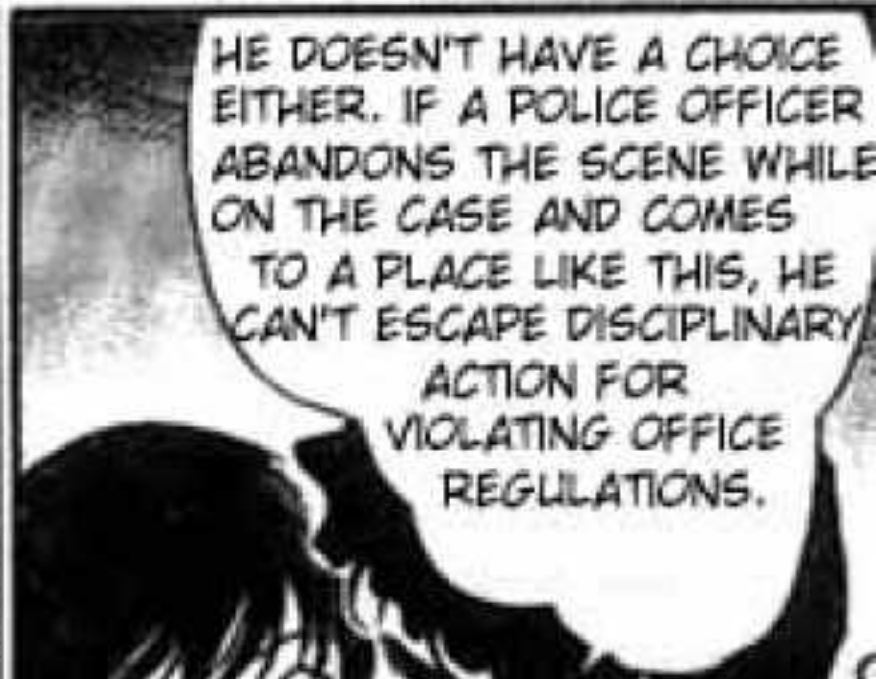


OR, CAN'T YOU TRUST HIM?



IF HE HAS THE COURAGE TO COME HERE DESPITE THE SECOND DISCIPLINARY ACTION...

HE HAS BEEN PUNISHED WITH A PAY CUT ONCE BEFORE, RIGHT?



HE DOESN'T HAVE A CHOICE EITHER. IF A POLICE OFFICER ABANDONS THE SCENE WHILE ON THE CASE AND COMES TO A PLACE LIKE THIS, HE CAN'T ESCAPE DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR VIOLATING OFFICE REGULATIONS.



HA HA...

I WILL GIVE HIM A CREDIT AS A MAN...









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!?

I THOUGHT SO... YOU HAVE NOT SEEN IT, HAVE YOU?

MISS SATOU IS HAVING A MARRIAGE ENGAGEMENT!?

WHAT!!?

BUT IT'S OKAY, JUST CALM DOWN ...



OFFICER SATOU AGREED TO A CONDITION PROPOSED BY HER DATE...

WH, WHAT ABOUT SUNSET?

WE STILL HAVE SOME TIME BEFORE SUNSET... AND THE ENGAGEMENT LOCATION IS NEARBY IN NEXT HAIDO CITY...



FIRST, PLEASE TELL ME DETAILS OF THE CASE...

THAT SHE WILL ACCEPT HIS MARRIAGE PROPOSAL IF YOU DO NOT SHOW UP FOR HER BEFORE SUNSET...



CAN YOU HEAR ME?



K, KUDO, IT IS NOT FUN...

THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN...



ALL THREE WITNESSES TESTIFIED COMPLETELY DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROBBER, RIGHT?

I SEE...



I'M ON FAMILIAR TERMS WITH HIM...

HUH? HOW DID YOU KNOW HIS NAME?

LET'S BEGIN WITH THE CAFE. WE WILL ASK THE OWNER, MR. MAMEHARA'S STORY...



HEY, OFFICERS, WHAT'S UP?



HEY, OFFICER!?



WE COULD TALK INSIDE...

HEY, HEY, WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?

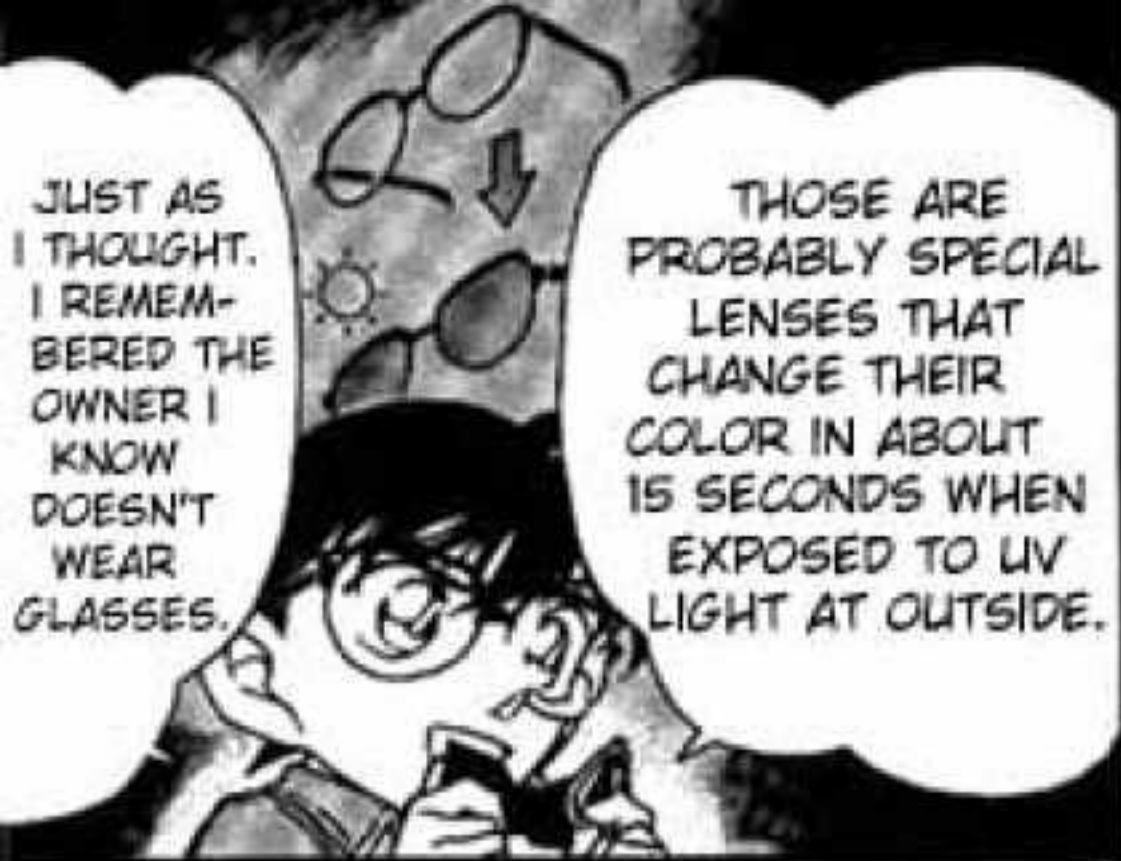


HUH?

TAKE THE MASTER OUTSIDE...

YOU GOT THE ROBBER?

QUICK!



JUST AS I THOUGHT. I REMEMBERED THE OWNER I KNOW DOESN'T WEAR GLASSES.

THOSE ARE PROBABLY SPECIAL LENSES THAT CHANGE THEIR COLOR IN ABOUT 15 SECONDS WHEN EXPOSED TO UV LIGHT AT OUTSIDE.



OH...

Y, YOUR SPECTACLES HAVE TURNED INTO SUNGLASSES!



THEN IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THE ROBBER YOU SAW ONLY APPEARED TO BE IN BLACK DUE TO THE DARKENED LENSES, RIGHT?

I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT WEARING THEM...

THESE ARE ONLY A FASHION. I RECENTLY STARTED WEARING THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE INTERESTING...



OH, THAT STORE... COULD YOU GET THERE, PLEASE?

IT IS A CLOTHING STORE 100 M AWAY FROM THIS CAFE.



FROM WHICH STORE DID SHE SEE THE ROBBER?



UM... THE OTHER WITNESS, A GIRL, HAS TESTIFIED THAT THE ROBBER WAS OVER 180 CM TALL, SO...



BUT YOU KNOW I DID NOT MISTAKE ON THE HEIGHT BEING AROUND 170 CM?



WHAT IF THAT SLOWS YOU DOWN SUBSTANTIALLY?



I WOULD AVOID BUMPING INTO THEM WHILE I WALK.



HOW WOULD YOU WALK IF MANY PEDESTRIANS WERE HEADING TOWARD YOU JUST AHEAD?



THAT SIDEWAY IS A PATHWAY FROM A SUBWAY EXIT TO A BUS STOP. IT GETS CROWDED VERY BADLY DEPENDING ON THE TIME.



ACCORDING TO THE STATEMENT, THE ROBBER'S HEAD WAS STICKING OUT FROM THE CROWD. CORRECT?



IT IS A JIGSAW PUZZLE, OFFICER TAKAGI...



TH, THAT IS IT! THE ROBBER WAS RUNNING ON THE CURB! THAT'S WHY SHE THOUGHT THE HEIGHT WAS 180 CM!

PUZZLE ...



WALK ON THE CURB...

GET OFF THE SIDEWAY AND...

DO NOT FORGET. THE THREE WITNESSES SEEMINGLY INCONSISTENT STATEMENTS ARE INDEED CRITICAL PIECES TO COMPLETE THE PICTURE OF THE CRIMINAL.



THEY MAY APPEAR TO BE MISMATCHING AT FIRST SIGHT, BUT THEY FIT PERFECTLY IF YOU ONLY CHANGE THE VIEW ANGLE...



IN THE MORNING WE HAD TOAST AND SUNNY-SIDE EGGS.

DID CONAN EAT SOMETHING BAD?



OH, I WILL GO CHECK ON HIM...

I WONDER WHAT IS TAKING CONAN SO LONG...



AND THE LUNCH WAS...

HUH?

I HAVE  
SEEN  
HIM...

OH, SO IT  
WAS NOT  
SOMEONE YOU  
KNEW?

THE MAN  
JUST CAME  
OUT OF THE  
WASHROOM  
...

SOMEWHERE  
BEFORE...



